

Amendments to the Claims:

This Listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) ~~A Topical~~ topical cosmetic compositions for application to the skin, said composition comprising a suitable diluent or carrier in combination with a synergistic mixture of three anti-free-radical agents each of which is selected from a different member of the group consisting of

(a) ascorbic acid, its salts, and/or esters, ~~glucosides and glucosamines;~~

~~(b) tocopherol and its esters; and~~

~~(c) herbal extracts selected from ginkgo biloba;~~

(b) morus alba,

(c) origanum vulgare,

(d) panax ginseng,

(e) rosmarinus officinalis, ~~birch extract, camellia sinensis, acerola cherry powder and~~

(f) grape seed oil,

wherein the total amount of anti-free-radical agents present is up to 5% by weight.

2. (Currently amended) ~~Topical~~ The topical compositions ~~as claimed in of~~ claim 1 wherein the esters of ascorbic acid ~~are~~ is sodium ascorbyl phosphate, ~~magnesium ascorbyl phosphate;~~ magnesium ascorbyl phosphate, or ~~magnesium~~ ascorbyl palmitate.

3-4 (Canceled)

5. (Currently amended) ~~Topical~~ The topical compositions ~~as claimed in of~~ claim 1, wherein the total amount of anti-free-radical agents present ~~lies~~ is in the range 0.5 to 5% by weight.

6. (Currently amended) ~~Topical~~ The topical compositions ~~as claimed in of~~ claim 1, wherein the total amount of anti-free-radical agents present ~~lies~~ is in the range 1 to 2% by weight.

7. (Currently amended) ~~Topical~~ The topical compositions ~~as claimed in of~~ claim 1 wherein the synergistic combination of anti-free-radicals comprises (a) panax ginseng, (b) morus alba and (c) magnesium ascorbyl phosphate, sodium ascorbyl phosphate, rosmarinus officinalis or origanum vulgare.

8. (Currently amended) ~~Topical~~ The topical compositions ~~as claimed in of~~ claim 7 wherein (a) panax ginseng is present in an amount of 0.005 to 0.1% by weight of the composition; (b) the morus alba is present in an amount of 0.0005 to 0.01% by weight of the composition; (c) the sodium or magnesium ascorbyl phosphate ~~is~~ if present is in an amount from 0.05 to 2.5% by weight of the composition; and (d) the rosmarinus officinalis or origanum vulgare ~~is~~ if present is in an amount of 0.01 to 0.1% by weight of the composition.

9. (Currently amended) ~~Topical~~ The topical compositions ~~as claimed in~~ of claim 7 wherein panax ginseng is present in an amount of 0.01 to 0.05% by weight of the composition; (b) the morus alba is present in an amount of 0.001 to 0.005% by weight of the composition; (c) the sodium or magnesium ascorbyl phosphate ~~is if present is~~ in an amount from 0.1 to 2% by weight of the composition; and (d) the rosmarinus officinalis or origanum vulgare ~~is if present is~~ in an amount of 0.05 to 0.2% by weight of the composition.

10. (Currently amended) ~~Topical~~ The topical compositions ~~as claimed in~~ of claim 7 wherein (a) panax ginseng is present in an amount of about 0.03% by weight of the composition; (b) the morus alba is present in an amount of about 0.0023% by weight of the composition; (c) the sodium or magnesium ascorbyl phosphate ~~is if present is~~ in an amount from 0.15 to 1.5% by weight of the composition; and (d) the rosmarinus officinalis or origanum vulgare ~~is if present is~~ in an amount of about 0.1% by weight of the composition.